

"a memento of the Great [World's Fair] Exposition, and at the same time to give my friends a correct idea of the extent of the collection and how it was arranged." After briefly outlining, in the text following, the favorable position of the state of Pennsylvania, and the life zones found within its limits, the author sums up the collection in the following paragraph:

"About one hundred and sixty species and sub-species of birds have been known to breed within the boundaries of Pennsylvania, and of this number the collection under consideration embraces one hundred and forty varieties. These were carefully selected from a large collection of a series of sets of the various species, and with the exception of the Birds of Prey, sets containing as nearly as possible the common type specimens were used. In the selection of the eggs of the Birds of Prey, the largest and handsomest sets were taken. Only one set of each species was shown, as the space allotted to the exhibit would not permit of a larger collection showing the variations to which the eggs of many species are subject."

A brief list of the sets exhibited, with the dates of their collection, closes the pamphlet. It is unfortunate that a number of typographical errors should drop in to mar the effect of this portion of the work.

A similar pamphlet from every state in the Union would go far toward establishing the breeding range of all of the birds of our country.—L. J.

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## THE WORK FOR 1896.

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The attention of all members is again called to the fact that our work is divided into several distinct departments, each under the special direction of a competent Chairman. Mr. J. E. Dickinson, 1122 S. Winnebago St., Rockford, Ill., has charge of the work on MIGRATION; Mr. H. C. Higgins, Cincinnati, N. Y., NESTING; Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio, FOOD and SONG. These three committees are working on the *Warblers* exclusively, and desire notes bearing upon their respective lines of investigation from all members. Each Chairman will gladly give any desired information in regard to the work in hand in his department.

In addition to these committees, there are two others doing work on special topics. These are: Mr. Frank L. Burns, Berwyn, Penn., on the FLICKER, and Mr. Howard P. Mitchell, Mt. Sterling, Wis., on NESTLING DOWN. The work of these committees is similar to that done by Mr. Burns in compiling the Crow Report. These Committees should have the hearty and active support of every member in our Chapter.

One of the privileges of every Active member is to have control of some special work, such as these committees are now doing, with perfect liberty to select any topic he may choose for his work. He may be sure of the hearty co-operation of the Chairman of the work on special investigations, and will find not only profit but great enjoyment in pursuing such work. The office of the Chapter BULLETIN is to print the final reports of all committees, so that publication of the results of your investigations, without cost to yourself, is ensured.

It will be remembered that the committees now at work were appointed a year ago, with the expectation that their work would not be completed for three or four years. It is probable that some of them will be ready to present their reports earlier than anticipated. In view of this fact, other lines of investigation should be taken up at once, lest there should be a period of inactivity after the committees now at work have presented their final reports for publication. Any member who desires to undertake the pleasant task of conducting any sort of investigations should communicate with the Chairman of the work, Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio. It is earnestly hoped that a number of members will avail themselves of this opportunity to begin some original and profitable investigation. Bear in mind that the selection of your subject for investigation is entirely within your own hands.